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PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM:

Note on the Development of the Ghor by the Canalization of the River Jordan and River Yarmuk.

This is a paper prepared by a British national who is serving as Director of Lands and Surveys to the Transjordanian Government. It recommends diverting the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers into canals to irrigate the area east of the Jordan between the Yarmuk and the Dead Sea.

There are two separate schemes which can be studied: (a) a high level canal from the Yarmuk taking seven cumecs per second to irrigate 105,000 dunums intensively, and (b) a canal taking sufficient water from both the Yarmuk and the Jordan to irrigate all irrigable land in the Jordan Valley between the Yarmuk and the Dead Sea. The former canal could not be incorporated usefully in any future schemetaking water from the Jordan.

The Department of Land and Surveys of Transjordan has neither the equipment nor the staff capable of carrying out hydrological and ground surveys required for the detailed design of works and the preparation of estimates of costs. The paper therefore recommends that a firm of engineers be asked to examine the whole question of the development of the Jordan Valley, carry out the surveys and prepare estimates for submission to the Transjordanian Government.

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